## **SENATE BILL 1255**

## By Bunch

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, relative to divorce.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section thereto:

Section 36-5-1\_\_. Any fee collected by the department for the collection of child support payments totaling more than five hundred dollars (\$500) shall be paid equally by the obligor parent and by the recipient of such child support payments. If either the obligor parent or the recipient of the child support fails to pay their required portion of the fee, the department shall attempt to collect such fee from the person responsible for payment of such fee. This section shall not apply to persons who meet the eligibility criteria for receipt of temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) or a successor program.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.